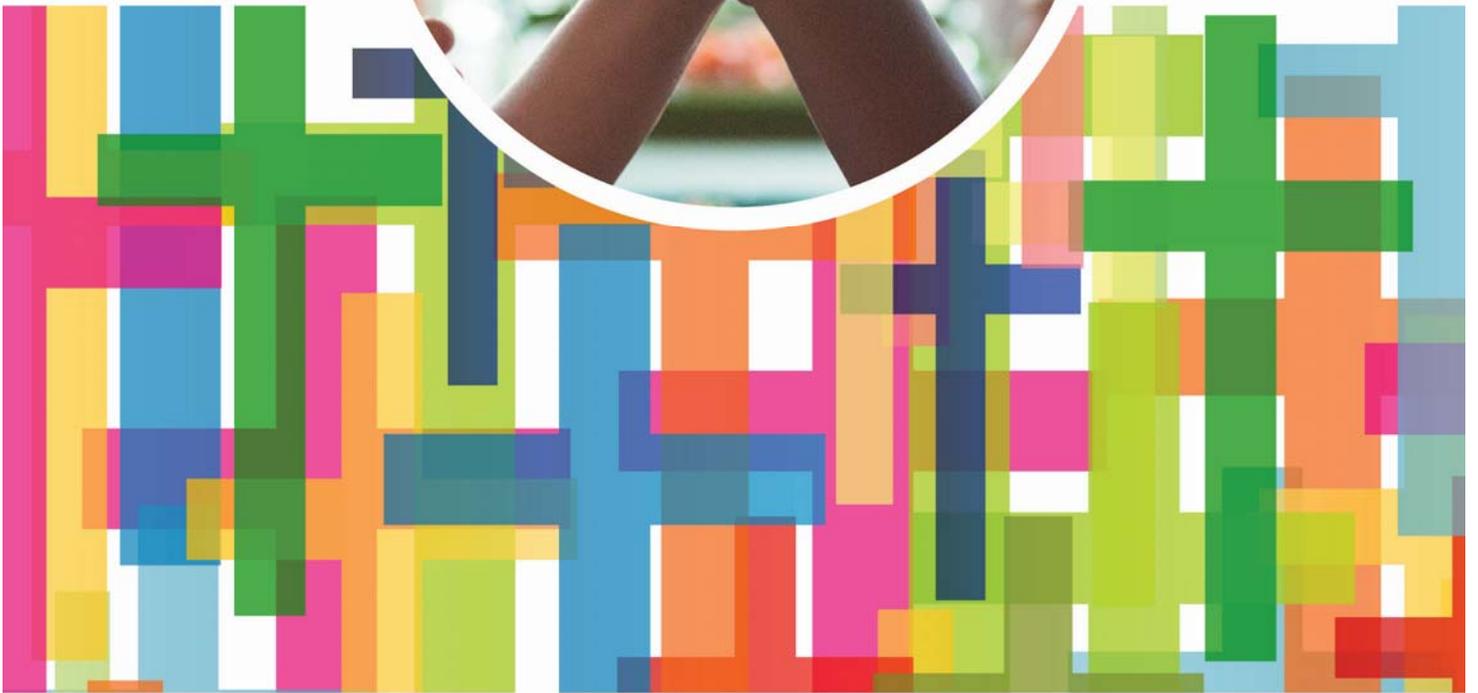


**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Week of January 28, 2018**



*Catholic Schools Week*

**Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Community™**

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## 'Praying the Mass' – a teaching moment

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be present right at the point where Heaven meets Earth? What would it be like to be present with the God of all creation? To interact with the God who can make the past and the future converge on the present? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that the Eucharist is the “source and summit” of all Christian life. During Mass every part of our lives can be changed. God has promised us the incredible miracle of His presence; He has gifted us with the Mass. The Church invites us into “full, conscious and active participation” during the Mass. What does that mean? I invite you to come join me as we learn to totally immerse ourselves into the Mass; to *pray* the Mass. We will experience a “Mass in slow motion.” A Mass in which we pause to learn “Why is my presence necessary in the Mass?”

I look forward to seeing you there to experience the Mass in a whole new way. May the peace of Christ always hold you in His presence.

*Fr. Ron*

Monday, Feb. 5 – 7 to 9 p.m.

Presider at Mass: Fr. Ron Clark

Leader of Song: Trevor Thomson



### Mission Statement

Our Lady of the Assumption welcomes all people to grow in the Catholic faith as we celebrate our diverse community, nurture the Gospel message, and exemplify our love of Christ by serving others.

### Celebrating Catholic Schools

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School was founded in 1955 by Benedictine Sisters whose work was continued by Felician Sisters and dedicated lay teachers. We fulfill OLA's mission by offering a Catholic education which incorporates faith, academic excellence and service. Catholic schools are not like public schools, nor are we like private schools. Catholic parents and teachers understand the link between faith and education. We know that our actions and words serve more than our personal needs and wants. Catholic schools exist for and within a community far beyond the schoolyard. At OLA School we are forming children who will serve as the parents, teachers and leaders in tomorrow's world.

*Bernadette Boyle, Principal*

# Around OLA<sup>3</sup>

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## Liturgical Events

**Eucharistic Adoration** begins at 7 a.m. (following 6:30 a.m. Mass) on First Friday, Feb. 2, and continues until 7:45 a.m. Saturday in the Reflection Room. All are invited to spend quiet time in prayer before the blessed Sacrament.

**Blessing of Throats** will take place at the 8 a.m. Mass Saturday, Feb. 3, in observance of the feast of St. Blaise.

**Slow Mass with Fr. Ron...**

**See Page 2**

## Catholic Schools Week schedule

### Sunday, Jan. 28

- Open House, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in all classrooms
- Children's Mass at 11 a.m.
- Festivities, games, food on the parish green after Mass

### Jan. 38 to Feb. 1

Book Fair in the auditorium from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday

#### Jan. 29-31, 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Open House for adult visitors to observe classes in session.

## Highlights

**Register now** for the Religious Education Congress in Anaheim.

**See Page 5**

**Monthly council reports** and an update on the progress of our strategic plan...

**See Back Page**

**Take advantage** of several ways to WIN by returning your Fiesta raffle tickets.

**See Page 7**

**Bishop Jose Gomez** will be honored by Loyola Marymount University and you are invited!

**See Page 6**

**Mark your calendar** for events coming up in Lent.

**See Page 5**

## community life

### Quarter-Mania is Feb. 10

Quarter-Mania is a lively, interactive game of chance to be hosted by the Knights of Columbus Saturday, Feb. 10. Come to the auditorium from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and bring a roll of quarters.

Only 150 tickets are available now on the patio or through Jose Gutierrez (310) 592-1950, Bill Young (909) 985-0467 or Tom Villanueva at (909) 305-3385. The event was sold-out in 2017.

1. Your tax-deductible donation of \$20 includes lunch, drink, dessert and a bidding paddle. (Children under 10 are free!)
2. Fifteen vendors will auction off three items (total 45) each ranging in value from \$15 to \$50. If you want an item, put the required number of quarters in the bin and raise your numbered paddle. If the vendor draws your number, you win the item!
3. Buy directly from vendors and receive a raffle ticket for a three-night stay at Lake Arrowhead (value \$1,500) and 40 other prizes. There will also be numerous silent auction items that you can bid on at a fraction of their value.

Hurry! Reserve your place today!



Tapping the energy surrounding the country's largest sporting event – Super Bowl – the OLA Altar servers are mobilizing to “tackle hunger” on Sunday, Feb. 4.

All parishioners are encouraged to bring donations of non-perishable food and cash to the patio.

Donations will enable Inland Valley Hope Partners to provide emergency food and shelter to the hungry and homeless in our area.

Mass Intentions/Readings  
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Week of Jan. 28, 2018

**MONDAY, January 29**

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7;  
Mk 5:1-20

**Catholic Schools Week**

6:30am Elizabeth Gomez  
✠Hugo Reynoso

5:30pm Stephany & Michelle Skok

**TUESDAY, January 30**

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3;  
Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

6:30am

5:30pm In thanksgiving to our  
Blessed Mother

**WEDNESDAY, January 31**

**St. John Bosco**

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7;  
Mk 6:1-6

6:30am ✠Helen McGee

5:30pm ✠Gregg Bishop, In thanksgiving  
to our Blessed Mother  
✠Julio Oyarzabal

**THURSDAY, February 1**

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12;  
Mk 6:7-13

6:30am ✠Erin McDonagh,  
✠Thomas Tran

5:30pm Emily Gelskey, Gia Moore  
Rusty Taflinger

**FRIDAY, February 2**

**The Presentation of the Lord**

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;  
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

6:30am ✠Margaret & John Slobig

8:00am ✠Margaret & John Slobig,  
Slobig Family

5:30pm ✠Rosita Lacson, ✠Yanny  
Family of Michael Gelskey

**SATURDAY, February 3**

**St. Blaise, St. Ansgar**

1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

8:00am ✠Phong Bui

✠Henry & Lucille Taepke

4:00pm ✠Merlita Pasia,

✠Barbara Haynes

✠Tyler Hillinski

5:30pm Family of Jennel Marie Gelskey  
Shultz

**SUNDAY, February 4**

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-  
19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

7:00am

9:00am Italian Catholic Federation

✠Tony Federico

Remedios Agaton

11:00am ✠Donald Erickson, Lucy Crow  
Joshua James Gelskey Family

1:00pm ✠Ignacio Escobedo Rosales

Jose Guadalupe & Magdalena Rivera  
✠Guadalupe Escoto (Hija)

3:00pm ✠Anton Tran Ngoc An

5:00pm People of the Parish

7:00pm

✠Deceased

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**OLA Teen Ministry**

Please support our Summer  
Mission Trip (June 24-30) with  
your sponsorship now, online  
or at the parish office.

ONE SERIES

**Sunday, Jan. 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Join us for the second night of our ONE Series. This Life Night series unpacks what the Catholic Church means when she says she is pro-life; specifically discussing inherent human dignity, euthanasia, the death penalty, abortion, immigration, refugees, and the poor. Tonight is entitled, "One Heart" which will be led by Michael.

**Sunday, Feb. 4, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Monthly teen and young adult Adoration in the auditorium.

**Every Tuesday – 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.**

Join the Heights Youth Ministry at Sanctuary Coffee, 994 W. Foothill Blvd., in Claremont, for *Caffeine and Catholicism*. Join us for a FREE drink and time together as a community.

**Teresa Arredondo, Youth Ministry Coordinator**  
[tarredondo@olaclaremont.org](mailto:tarredondo@olaclaremont.org)  
(909) 626-3596, ext. 4215

**Young Adult Ministry**

We invite each young adult age 18 to 35 to grow spiritually, form authentic friendships and have fun through our social, educational and prayer nights together. We'll be more than happy to see you at our regular weekly meetings from 7 to 9 p.m. NOTE: Convalescent home visits are arranged every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. as a service project. Join our *Young Adults of OLA* Facebook group. Or e-mail [youngadultsola@gmail.com](mailto:youngadultsola@gmail.com).

**Sunday, Feb. 4**

Monthly Adoration in the auditorium at 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 8**

*Hope through Anxiety* will be led by Amanda Turcotte beginning at 7 p.m. Please email for location (see above).

## Interested in exploring the Catholic Faith or completing sacraments?

Here are two steps get you started:

We often make resolutions as we usher in the New Year. Could this be the time to look into celebrating sacraments for adults through our Christian Initiation process?

1. **Contact Kathy Steighner**, our Coordinator of Christian Initiation, at (909) 626-3596, ext. 4221, for a phone or in-person appointment.
2. **Attend the Inquiry Series** that explores the basics of the Catholic faith and provides a foundation for the process that follows. Meetings are Wednesday nights – Jan. 31 to March 21 – at 7 p.m. in the Rectory Dining Room:

Participants...

- + Ask questions and explore the Catholic faith
- + Get to know members of Christian Initiation community.
- + Begin or deepen their life of prayer
- + Learn about RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

**For information or to set up an private , contact Kathy Steighner, Coordinator of Christian Initiation, at (909) 626-3596, ext. 4221.**

## Religious Ed Congress

The 60th annual Religious Education Congress in Anaheim is set for March 16-18, 2018. Youth Day is March 15.

The theme is

" Rise Up!"

"¡Levántate!"

"Hãy Đứng Lên!"

Admission includes...

- Choice of 300 workshops on a variety of topics of interest to educators and all Catholics
- Exhibits by Catholic vendors and organizations
- Fourteen liturgies in a variety of cultures/languages/ styles
- Exhibits by local artists that capture the sense of God's Boundless Mercy
- Free lunchtime and evening concerts by popular artists

Visit [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org) to register or visit our Faith Formation Center for assistance..

## Ash Wednesday with the Benedictines

St. Lucy's Benedictine Guild hosts its annual Ash Wednesday retreat for women and men on Feb. 14 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with presenter Sr. Joan M. Sasse.

Msgr. Peter O'Reilly will preside at the 11 a.m. Mass with distribution of ashes. Bring a sack lunch; coffee and tea are provided. There is no charge and no reservations are needed, although a free-will offering is appreciated. For details, contact Ellen Carlson at 624-2058.

## Dynamic Catholic at Sacred Heart, R.C.

Matthew Kelly's book *Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* is the impetus for a program Saturday, March 3, at Sacred Heart Church in Rancho Cucamonga.

What are your habits? Are they helping you become the very best version of yourself? Discover four simple habits that can transform your life, says speaker Dominick Albano from the non-profit organization Dynamic Catholic.

The cost is \$25 for activities from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. including lunch. Purchase your tickets at (859) 980-7900 or online at [DynamicCatholic.com](http://DynamicCatholic.com).

## Parish Lenten Mission

Our parish Lenten Mission will consist of four days with Msgr. Doug Raun who will preside at Mass and preach the mission twice daily on the topic *Are We Really Christian?*

Confession will be offered one hour before each Mass.

Monday - Thursday  
Feb. 19-22

Confession 8 a.m.

Mass & Mission 9 a.m.

Confession 6 p.m.

Mass & Mission 7 p.m.

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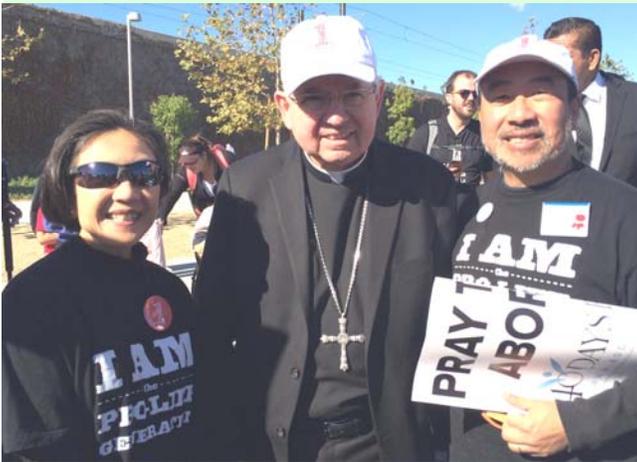
## Archbishop to be honored at LMU

The Academy of Catholic Thought and Imagination at Loyola Marymount University invites parishioners to a celebration honoring Jose Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles Tuesday, Jan. 30. The university will bestow on him an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in recognition of his leadership role with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and his dedication to immigration reform, social justice, and the future of Catholic education.

The Archbishop will speak on *The Idea of the Catholic University in the 21st Century* with particular attention to Southern California. Afterwards, he will engage in a facilitated conversation with John Sebastian, LMU's Vice-President of Mission and Ministry, and Jeanne Ortiz, Dean of Students. For information and RSVP, go to [lmu.edu/ideaoftheuniversity](http://lmu.edu/ideaoftheuniversity).

## OneLifeLA

Thousands of marchers turned out for the third OneLifeLA event, including parishioners led by Deacon Jim and Karen Allgaier, Terry Moore of OLA for Life, and Mariela Arrellano of OLA Young Adults.



In the photo, OLA's Susan and Eric Wong pose with leader of the march, Archbishop Jose Gomez, supporting respect for human life from conception to natural death.

## Marriage help

The next retreat for Retrouvaille will be March 9-11. This is hosted by the Archdiocesan peer marriage ministry for couples in troubled marriages.

This is a faith-based program offering practical advice to improve communication and rebuild relationships.

Information is available at (909) 900-5465 or [6006@retrouvaille.org](mailto:6006@retrouvaille.org). Or visit the website

[www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

## Mission to Haiti

Volunteers are sought to join the Jeff C. Domond Foundation on the annual medical mission to Haiti from March 7 to March 18.

Deacon Joe Domond will lead a group that includes doctors, dentists, optometrists, nurses, therapists and other assistants. Cost is \$1,800 for airfare and lodging.

Those interested in serving the rural poor who have no other access to medical care, may contact Deacon Joe at (909) 816-7207 or email [jdomond@msn.com](mailto:jdomond@msn.com). Mailing address for donations is 220 S. Indian Hill Blvd., Claremont, CA 91711. Visit [www.jeffcdomondfoundation.org](http://www.jeffcdomondfoundation.org).

## A letter to the world from Pope Francis

# Laudato Si

*"Whenever food is thrown out it is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor, from the hungry! I ask everyone to reflect on the problem of the loss and waste of food, to identify ways and approaches which... convey solidarity and sharing with the underprivileged.."* – Pope Francis

## Ways to share our bounty

The 2017 Walk for the Hungry raised \$50,000 for the food security programs of Inland Valley Hope Partners, it was announced. recently. This organization runs six food banks throughout our region, including Joslyn Center in Claremont.

Next Sunday, Feb. 4, a collection of non-perishable food for hope Partners will be collected on the patio after all Masses by our Altar Servers. At other times, donations may be left in the shopping cart near the north door of the church.

Other parish groups serving the poor are St. Vincent de Paul Society and Knights of Columbus.

### Please pick up Fiesta Raffle Tickets!

Parishioners are kindly asked to pick up their Fiesta raffle tickets at the parish office because we cannot mail them this year.

Everyone who returns \$100 in paid raffle tickets by March 18 qualifies to receive an additional 10 free tickets. They will also be entered into our First Early Bird Drawing for \$150.

### Fiesta Raffle Prizes:

1. Cash prize of \$10,000
2. One-year Family Membership at The Claremont Club
3. \$500 Disneyland Gift Card

### Sponsorships

Lend your name and support to preparations for Fiesta with a sponsorship available online at the parish website:

[www.olaclaremont.org](http://www.olaclaremont.org)

Sponsorships help defray our expenses and provide a large portion of our profit. At the same time, you can promote your business to the 15,000+ visitors on Mother's Day Weekend, May 11, 12 & 13.

## Grace Gratitude Generosity

*“Let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim the rock of our salvation” says the Psalmist. Stewardship is always our grateful response to God’s gifts.*

### Stewardship Renewal 2018

One of the expectations of the faithful members of Our Lady of the Assumption is renewing their Stewardship commitment. It's not too late to make a commitment for 2018. We are depending on you to support our mission and ministries at OLA. Complete a card today at the parish office or go to our website at [www.olaclaremont.org](http://www.olaclaremont.org)... so easy it takes only minutes! If you have a question, please call (the parish office at 909) 626-3596, ext. 4268.

#### Parish Offertory Collection

Jan. 20-21	\$20,739
Online	\$ 2,517
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,256</b>
Budget	\$30,390
Under budget	\$ (7,134)



## Prayer Requests



### **For our sick and suffering...**

**Recent:** Andres Salvador Anaya, Ann Burmeister, Socorro Marrero

**Previously:** Ramon Aguirre, Deborah Assman, John Dias, Ronald Dixson, Roberta Eldred, Susan Hamm, Andrea Horta de Hernandez, Margaret Rose Jackson, Gloria Kolarik, Jorge Lopez, Vanessa Muinos, Margaret O'Neil, Julia Orozco, Jose Luis Ortega, Arthur H. Osborne, Marta Putney, Lupe Reynoso, Elaine Rodriguez, Soledad Sarmiento, Monica Stephenson, Sylvia Stephens, Michael Steward, Tess Turla, Marie Vencek, and Roberto Veno

### **For our beloved deceased...**

Tyler Hilinski, son of Mark and Kym Hilinski, brother of Kelly and Ryan Hilinsky; and for the family and friends who mourn his loss

# 8 Comunidad Habla Hispana

## Esta semana

### **Miércoles, 31 de Enero**

#### Grupo de Dios (Oración)

4 p.m. en el Salón Reflexión

#### Grupo de Oración Reunión de Coro y Líderes

6pm en el Salón 11

### **Jueves, 1ro de Febrero.**

#### Cristo Vive (Oración)

7p.m. en la iglesia

### **Viernes, 2 de Febrero**

#### Hola Ángeles (Jóvenes)

7 p.m. en el Salón de Jóvenes (Junction)

#### Encuentro Matrimonial

7 p.m. en el convento Coro

7 p.m. en el Salón 15  
Grupo Camino de Fe  
(Jóvenes Adultos)

7 p.m. Salón Felician  
(Biblioteca)

### **Bodas**

Se requiere un mínimo de seis meses de anticipación. Favor de comunicarse a la oficina parroquial.

### **Quinceañeras**

Celebraciones comunitarias cada segundo sábado del mes a las 12 p.m. o una bendición durante la Misa dominical. Favor de comunicarse a la oficina parroquial con un mínimo de tres meses de anticipación.

### **Bautizos**

Cada segundo sábado del mes a las 10 a.m. Se requiere una orientación y una clase de preparación. Favor de comunicarse a la oficina parroquial.

# Vote

## Regístrese para votar

El registro de votantes no partidistas tendrá lugar después de todas las Misas el 17 y el 18 de febrero. Traductores en español estarán disponibles.

¿Te gustaría aprender a registrar personas para votar? La organización sin fines de lucro, El

bien Común (Uncommon Good), tendrá dos entrenamientos gratuitos este mes. Estarán el 18 de enero a las 3 p. m. y el 22 de enero a las 6:30 p.m. en sus instalaciones, que se encuentra en la parte posterior de la propiedad de la Iglesia Metodista Unida Claremont en el 211 W. Foothill Blvd. en Claremont. Traductores de español estarán disponibles

Nuestros mejores deseos a todos los que cumplen años durante el mes de Enero.

Que Dios las bendiga!

*De parte del los Sacerdotes, Diáconos  
y Personal de la Parroquia .*



## Misión Parroquial

Nuestra Señora de la Asunción da la bienvenida a todas las personas para crecer en la fe Católica al celebrar nuestra comunidad diversa, nutrir el mensaje del Evangelio, y dar ejemplo del amor de Cristo sirviendo a otros.

## Adoración Eucarística

La adoración eucarística, puerta al cielo



La Adoración Eucarística comienza a las 7 a.m. (después de la misa de 6:30 a.m.) el primer viernes, 2 de febrero, y continúa hasta las 7:45 a.m. del sábado en el salón de reflexión. Todos están invitados a pasar un momento de silencio en oración ante el sagrado Sacramento

# Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

435 Berkeley Avenue – Claremont, CA 91711

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Bulletin deadline is **Sunday** for the following weekend. Bring copy to the parish office or email [bulletin@olaclaremont.org](mailto:bulletin@olaclaremont.org).

Interested in the Catholic Church? We invite you to one of our Inquiry sessions. Call Kathy Steighner at 626-3596, ext. 4221, for more information.

Baptisms Brochures about the Sacrament of Baptism are available at the display case on the patio, or the parish and Faith Formation offices. Please call 4-6 weeks before the date of Baptism. For English Baptisms, please contact the parish office at 626-3596, ext. 0. For Spanish Baptisms, please contact Magali Amezcua at 626-3596, ext. 4211

Weddings Congratulations! Please call the parish office at least six months ahead for preparation, scheduling, and an appointment with a priest. Weddings are scheduled Saturdays at 10 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m. Visit the display case on the patio for more information.

Anointing of the Sick Please call the parish office day or night.

Hospital/Home Visits For distribution of Holy Communion, please contact the parish office.

Funeral Arrangements Please contact the parish office for help with services and special needs.

Stephen Ministry This one-on-one care-giving ministry at OLA is available upon request to those seeking emotional and spiritual support through a life challenge such as loss of a job, personal illness, separation or divorce, illness or the death of a loved one. Please call 626-3596, ext. 4332 to leave a confidential message.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Hotline One-time emergency assistance for individuals and families. Call (909) 626-3596, ext. 4333, to leave a message. Your call will be returned by a volunteer case manager.

## Sunday Mass Schedule

7:00 a.m. Cantor-led song  
9:00 a.m. Contemporary ensemble  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary ensemble  
1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass  
3:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass  
5:00 p.m. Teen/Contemporary  
7:00 p.m. Cantor-led song

## Saturday Vigil Masses

4:00 p.m. Cantor-led song  
5:30 p.m. Contemporary ensemble  
or cantor-led song

## Weekday Mass Schedule

6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday  
5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday  
8:00 a.m. Saturday

## Saturday Confessions

3:00 – 3:45 p.m. English/Spanish  
6:30 p.m. English

## How to Reach Us

Parish Office (909) 626-3596

Fax (909) 624-3680

Website: [www.olaclaremont.org](http://www.olaclaremont.org)

email Address: [reception@olaclaremont.org](mailto:reception@olaclaremont.org)

## Parish Office Hours

Open 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday,

Open Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Open Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

(Lunch break from 12:30 to 1 p.m.)

## Faith Formation and Religious Education

Faith Formation Center (909) 624-1360

Victor Hernandez, Director of Faith Formation (x4213)

Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Sundays 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

## OLA Catholic School

611 W. Bonita Ave., Claremont, CA 91711

Tel. (909) 626-7135 Fax (909) 398-1395

Principal Bernadette Boyle

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Fridays 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Website: [www.ola-ca.org](http://www.ola-ca.org)

## Parish Staff

Rev. Charles J. Ramirez, Pastor

Rev. Ron Clark, Associate Pastor

Rev. Thuan Nguyen, Associate Pastor

Rev. Chris Troxell, Associate Pastor

Deacon Jim and Karen Allgaier

Deacon Joe and Rita Domond

Deacon Bob and Kathy Steighner

Deacon John and Joyce Tullius

Deacon Art and Nadine Escovedo, retired

Neomi Torres, Director of Parish Administration (x4203)

Victor Hernandez, Director of Faith Formation (x4213)

Dcn. Bob Steighner, Liturgy Coordinator (x4234)

Dcn. Jim Allgaier, Outreach/Stewardship Coord. (x4216)

Teresa Arredondo, Youth Ministry Coordinator (x4215)

Mary Muñoz, Coordinator of Music Ministry (x4263)

Kathy Steighner, Christian Initiation Coordinator (x4221)

Jean McKenna, Communications Coordinator (x4217)

Bing Macavinta, Bookkeeper (x4232)

Katy Salisbury, Administrative Assistant (x4268)

Sandra Rojas Leonor, Administrative Secretary (x4231)

Roberto Roman, Spanish Choir

Dong Le, Vietnamese Choir

The **OLA Pastoral Council** has discerned a new co-chair, Maggie Grosjean, who will serve a two-year term with Chris Robles. The Council recognized all who participated in our strategic planning workshops from July to December 2017 under the leadership of Father Charles and the *ad hoc* committee. From this point on, the coordinating councils are responsible for creating parish goals for the next three years. The Pastoral Council will endorse these goals and prioritize them. Several goals have already been approved to move forward, including plans to host a quarterly event to welcome newcomers, initiation of the Alpha Program and a Ministry Action Booth on the patio. Watch for more information soon.

At right: Those who participated in strategic planning sessions received an honorary pin (inset).



## What the councils want the parish to know this month

### Administration

Plans for renovating our church are moving through the approval process with the City of Claremont. Parish contributions for *Together in Mission* were close to target in 2017. Announcement Weekend for TIM is Feb. 17-18 featuring a speaker from Dolores Mission.

### Community Life

This council is convening an *ad hoc* committee to organize the first quarterly welcome event for newcomers to the parish. Knights of Columbus will host Fish Fry meals on Fridays in Lent, leaving enough time for diners to attend Stations of the Cross in the church at 7:15 p.m.

### Formation

This council will be mobilizing other councils to prepare the parish for the community-based Alpha Program. A four-day Parish Lenten Mission is planned February 19-22 including morning and evening confession, Mass and preaching. (See Page 5.)

### Outreach

This council is preparing a parish goal to create a Ministry Action Booth on the patio to showcase opportunities for service at OLA. JustAct ministries is planning to lead the way for the first weekend on March 22. The council discussed what contribution it could make to the upcoming "welcome event" for newcomers.

### Spanish-Speaking

This council is planning the outdoor Good Friday pageant called *Via Crucis* beginning at 5 p.m. All parishioners are invited.

### Vietnamese

The Vietnamese Community is looking forward to its New Year celebration on Feb. 18. A budget for 2018 and Mass schedule were reviewed.

### Worship

Upcoming events include *Praying the Mass* with Fr. Ron on Feb. 5, and Ash Wednesday on Feb. 14. Parish Lenten Mission will be Feb. 19-22. All parish groups under the Worship Council will be contacted in 2018.